

REMARKS

The claims have been amended in response to the Examiner's suggestion in the last Office Action (see page 3, first full paragraph, of the Office Action). Given that the Examiner's proposed language has been generally adopted, it is believed that the claims are now allowable. This amendment is made without conceding that the Examiner's pending rejection is proper. Applicant believes the specification and prior claims satisfy Section 112, first paragraph and second paragraph.

Resubmission of the Terminal Disclaimer

The Terminal Disclaimer of Application 09/810,130 was submitted with the Response filed March 13, 2003, and a photocopy of that document is attached.

Information Disclosure Statement

In response to the Examiner's assertion that the lined through references on the information disclosure statement submitted 12/29/00 were not present in the instant application or in serial number 09/149,734, Applicant respectfully submits that copies of the references were indeed filed in the parent application (serial no. 09/149,734). Applicant believes that additional copies of the references are not required according to 37 C.F.R. 1.98(d). However, Applicant will endeavor to provide copies of these references to the Examiner in a separate submission following this Office Action response.

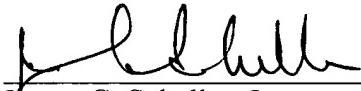
Extension of Time

Applicant hereby requests an extension of time to respond to the pending Office Action and a check for the extension fee is enclosed herewith. Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any shortage in fees required by this response.

Respectfully submitted,

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